

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejections

Claims 1–24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the S. Takao et al. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 as amended is directed to an apparatus for automatically classifying video signals including a keyframe classifier capable of segmenting the video signals into initial set of one or more story segments and a text classifier controller capable of reading text having at least one keyword contained within at least of the one of the story segments, and capable of identifying keywords within each line of the text, and, in response to identifying at least one of the keywords within a line of text, classifying the line of text as a part of the at least one story segment within the video signals.

Support for the added features of Claim 1 can at least be found at page 17, lines 11-18 and page 18, lines 10-15.

S. Takao fails to teach, show or disclose a keyframe classifier capable of segmenting the video signals into initial set of one or more story segments. Independent claims 7, 13 and 19 recite similar features.

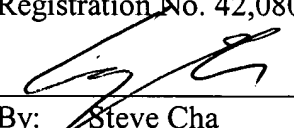
A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against the independent claims herein. These claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Therefore Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the above-stated rejections of the claims. If any issues remain which may be best resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to kindly telephone the undersigned telephone number listed below.

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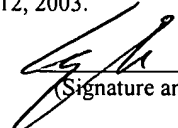
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